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31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | OCTOBER 30, 2022



Outdoor Mass

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This Week

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2022

8:00 am, 10:00 am, 5:00 pm Mass

MONDAY TO SATURDAY EACH WEEK

8:15 am Mass

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2022

8:15 am All Saints Mass

9:00 am Legion of Mary

12:15 pm All Saints Mass

7:00 pm All Saints Mass

8:00 pm Young Adult Social

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2022

10:00 am Weekly Bible Study

12:15 pm Senior Mass & Bingo

7:00 pm Holy Hour (Adoration & Confession)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2022

12:00 pm Laudato Si' Group Zoom (p.6)

7:15 pm Aquinas 101: What is True Happiness?
(Chapel) (p.3)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2022

8:15 am Mass followed by Holy Half-Hour
(Adoration & Conf.) until 9:15 am

9:30 am St. Martin de Porres Blessing of the Pets

5:00 pm Mass

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2022

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 5:00 PM MASS

Senior Bingo

Wednesday, November 2, 2022

12:15 pm - Senior Mass

1:00 pm - Bingo

Please join us on **Wed., Nov. 2** for a special Thanksgiving gathering of STARS Senior Bingo. We will begin in the church at 12:15 for a senior Mass. Following Mass, Father will offer the beautiful sacrament of the anointing of the sick for those that wish to participate. We will then move to the Parish Center for a light lunch and delicious treats. Bring a friend or two to join in the fun with this wonderful group - all are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Karyn Leahy leahyfamily@msn.com.

Liturgy

Sat., Oct. 29, 5:00 pm Puz & Harold Nelson ☩☩, and the Nelson Family, L&D

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun., Oct. 30, 8:00 am Susan Robinson ☩

10:00 am Kathy Jobin ☩

5:00 pm St. Raymond Parish

Mon., Oct. 31, 8:15 am Nancy Derry ☩, & the Blach & Derry Families, L&D

Tue., Nov. 1, 8:15 am Kathleen Jekot ☩

All Saints Day (S) (Holy Day of Obligation)

12:15 pm  Carmen Moreno

7:00 pm St. Raymond Parish

Wed., Nov. 2, 8:15 am Marge Bechina ☩

The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

Thu., Nov. 3, 8:15 am Jeff Sunderland Family, L&D

St. Martin de Porres, OP, Religious (F)

Fri., Nov. 4, 8:15 am Leonore Daschbach ☩

St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop (M)

Sat., Nov. 5, 8:15 am Harold Curtis Family, L&D

Sat., Nov. 5, 5:00 pm Cormick & Caletti Families, L&D

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun., Nov. 6, 8:00 am Leonore Daschbach ☩

10:00 am Gail Blach ☩, Sr. Joan Derry ☩, & the Blach & Derry Families, L&D

5:00 pm St. Raymond Parish

S—Solemnity F—Feast M—Memorial m—Optional Memorial

To request a Mass Intention, please call or visit the parish office.



Tuesday, November 1, 2022, is All Saints Day. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Our Mass times are as follows:

8:15 am (with School)

12:15 pm

7:00 pm

HOW TO BE HAPPY

NEXT: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 7 PM IN THE CHAPEL

Happiness is what everyone wants. But how do we achieve it? In this series, we will be digging into the practical wisdom of the wonderful Dominican saint, Thomas Aquinas. Drawing from ancient philosophy and Scripture, Aquinas shows us the timeless path to human flourishing.



This week our series continues with a presentation by Br. Anthony entitled: *Who Am I?*



With the help of Aquinas we will sketch a blueprint of the human person and unpack very essential truths like the relation between "body and soul," and the connection between "mind and heart." Only after understanding who and what we are, can we begin to chart the course toward our true happiness. Mark your calendars for the following discussions:

11/3 Who Am I?

11/10 What is My Purpose?

11/17 The Four Keys to a Good Life

Presentations are **Thursday evenings at 7 pm** in the Chapel and will be hosted by Br. Anthony. All are welcome.

5TH SUNDAY COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

This Sunday is the **5th Sunday of October!** We again are blessed by a donor who will match each dollar we receive up to \$2,500. Please be as generous as you can.



You can also donate at straymondmp.org/giving and enter the amount you wish to donate under "St. Vincent de Paul".

The Book of Remembrance will be available again this November. You can also submit a copy of a photo of your deceased loved one into the office, or email your photo to jsanchez@straymondmp.org.



US Feedback for Pope's Synod

Our Pope has initiated a global synod that will collect feedback from parishioners worldwide to deepen our communion as a Church. In the US, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has recently concluded the "listening" phase of the synod in which they conducted intentional listening sessions across the country. I know many of you participated in these as I did. I was struck by the thoughtful and discerned discussions in these sessions that shared hopes and concerns for our Church. The USCCB has published the following report summarizing the excitement, confusion, and skepticism of our fellow parishioners across the country: <https://delivr.com/2xrqj>

Your Pastoral Council spent our entire October meeting discussing how St. Raymond Church can act on what we learned from this document. We encourage everyone to read it as it's well-written, insightful, and only 13 pages! We were particularly struck by the comment that:

"People noted that the Church seems to prioritize doctrine over people, rules and regulations over lived reality. People want the Church to be a home for the wounded and broken, not an institution for the perfect. They want the Church to meet people where they are, wherever they are, and walk with them rather than judging them, to build real relationships through care and authenticity..."

It addresses the enduring wounds stemming from the sexual abuse crisis, the trend towards disengagement and intensifying isolation and loneliness, the deep divisions in the Church including the lack of unity of US bishops, and the marginalization of many segments of parishioners. It challenges us to become a more welcoming Church through better connection with the following groups of community members: youth, special needs (e.g., hearing disabled), divorced, LGBTQ+, women, culturally/ethnically diverse, and those who are experiencing racism (including indigenous Catholics). It concludes by stressing the need for ongoing adult faith formation, a genuine appreciation for the role of the laity, and a call to continued discernment to ensure continued listening to the voice of the lived experience of the People of God—you and me!

Speaker Series

THE NAME OF JESUS AS EARLY CHRISTIAN PRAYER

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 7:15 PM, CHAPEL

PRECEDED BY POTLUCK, 6:15 PM, PARISH HALL

For centuries Christian ascetics have struggled to fulfill the Scriptural command to pray without ceasing. One such solution was to turn to the name of Jesus itself as a prayer during times of struggle and difficulty. This talk will examine this tradition, its spiritual and theological foundations, as it was practiced in the early centuries of the Church, and will attempt to offer some insight into how such practices could be adapted for the use of contemporary Christians.



Fr. Ambrose Sigman, O.P., has been a Dominican since 2006. After his ordination to the priesthood, he spent two years as the parochial vicar at St Raymond in Menlo Park before going off for doctoral studies. Having completed his studies at the Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome, Fr. Ambrose is now a professor at the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology in Berkeley, CA.

There will be a potluck prior to the talk at 6:15 pm in the Parish Hall.

Dominican Corner

WHAT'S AN ACOLYTE?



Earlier this month I, with seven of my Dominican brothers, was instituted to the ministry of acolyte. The acolytes are those designated by the Church to assist the priest in the celebration of the Mass. And so the ministry of acolyte is usually conferred upon those who are on the path to be ordained to the priesthood.

It is also the responsibility of the acolyte to train those who might serve at the altar on a more temporary basis (like our school children). It is also entrusted to the acolyte, in the case of necessity and in the absence of a priest or deacon, to distribute Holy Communion, bring Communion to the sick, or to expose the Blessed Sacrament for adoration.

During the ritual of institution, the Bishop (or in my case the Dominican Prior Provincial) places a vessel into our hands, with bread to be used in the celebration of Mass saying: *Take this vessel with bread for the celebration of the Eucharist. Make your life worthy of your service at the table of the Lord and of his Church.*

Prior to 1972, the ministry of acolyte was one of several "steps" on the way to priesthood. On their way to ordination young men would become: porter, lector, exorcist, acolyte, and subdeacon, before being ordained a deacon, and finally a priest. Pope Paul VI changed this system, leaving only "lector" (or reader) and "acolyte" in place. This change also means that it is no longer exclusively for those preparing for ordination, but is open to lay men and women alike.

So, while the term "acolyte" and the ceremonies surrounding it might seem strange or outdated, the Church keeps these practices in place order to help preserve our reverence for the Body and Blood of Jesus in the Eucharist. The ceremony with which we approach the Blessed Sacrament (and the training that goes with it) is a sign that we are not dealing with ordinary realities. In the Eucharist we truly encounter the *real presence* of our Lord! - Br. Anthony



GIVE THE GIFT OF WARMTH!

COAT DRIVE




St. Raymond families, start your spring cleaning early and drop off all your gently used coats! Please help us collect as many coats as possible!

drop off location



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- * Heavy Coats
- * jackets/pullovers
- * Rain Coats ...





ST. MARTIN DE PORRES BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

**SATURDAY, NOV. 5 AT 9:30
AM OUTSIDE THE CHURCH**

This year at St. Raymond's we'll be doing the Blessing of the Animals on November 5th, the Feast of St. Martin de Porres, OP, at 9:30am in the Church parking lot.

St. Martin was the first black saint from the Americas and stands for interracial and social justice and racial harmony. He was a surgeon and is known for his miraculous cures, for both people and animals! He was a 16th century Dr. Doolittle, with the ability to communicate with animals. Like St. Francis, Martin treated animals as if they were brothers and sisters. He treated sick and wounded cats and dogs at his animal hospital set up as one of the first veterinary clinics. He also founded a shelter for stray pets.

One particularly famous story of St. Martin had to do with a mischief of mice who took up residence in a Dominican priory. The other friars wanted to poison the furry invaders, but St. Martin had other plans. Reminiscent of St. Francis' negotiations with the wolf of Gubio, St. Martin promised to keep the mice safe if they would relocate to a little den at the end of the garden and never enter the priory again. In return, St. Martin promised to cater their meals. The mice promptly followed St. Martin out to the garden, St. Martin regularly fed them, and all lived happily ever after.

So, bring your pets to be blessed on November 5th at 9:30am. St. Martin, pray for us!

St. Raymond Children's Choir⁵

Serving Sundays @ 10:00am Mass;
Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 2022 @ 4:00pm;
Epiphany, Sun., Jan. 8, 2023

REHEARSALS: THURSDAYS, 5:30 - 6:10pm
(40 minutes) in Parish Hall

...only seven (7) rehearsals until Christmas Eve!

Must be a member and attending rehearsals to participate at Christmas and Epiphany.

A parent/guardian must be present during these 40 minutes; parents may coordinate with another participating family to be one another's proxy as the need may arise. This is for: 1) the protection of minors and; 2) the limited rehearsal time to be uninterrupted by individual children's needs. A space in the Hall will be prepared to accommodate waiting parents. We have wi-fi and a Keurig!

YOUNG ADULT SOCIAL

The young adults will be gathering this week for drinks, games, and friendship in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, Nov. 1 following the 7pm Mass.

LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS—Low-gluten hosts are available at each Mass. Please visit the presiding priest's Communion line to receive the low-gluten host.

PROTECT INNOCENT LIFE: VOTE "NO" ON PROPOSITION 1

Proposition 1 seeks to amend the California Constitution to legalize abortions at any stage of pregnancy and for any reason. Most California voters already oppose late-term abortions but this misleading Proposition will remove even the most basic restrictions on abortion already in place.

What can I do?

- This November 8, VOTE "NO" on Prop 1
- Visit NoProposition1.com for more ways to help defeat Prop 1. Let us pray, work, and vote to defend the most essential of all rights: the right to life.

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**FOR YOU LOVE ALL THINGS THAT ARE.
YOUR IMPERISHABLE SPIRIT IS IN ALL THINGS!**

(WISDOM 11:24, 12:1)

Don't you love the fall colors, signs of change, crisp air? What part of God's created world has filled you with wonder and awe, gratitude and joy? How has that encounter moved you to a deeper relationship with God, realizing His great love for us? Has it impacted your lifestyle, your consumer choices, your voting decisions?



In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis challenges the views and attitudes of those who fail to see that the issues around climate justice and environmental sustainability are among the most consequential, moral, pro-life issues of today. Certainly, one of the most important common goods is the well-being of the earth, our common home on which all life depends. Pope Francis warns against the danger of apathy on the part of Christians who opt-out of contributing to the common good. Rather, fulfilling this responsibility accords with a faith-filled life in line with Jesus' mission:

In the absence of pressure from the public and from civic institutions, political authorities will always be reluctant to intervene, all the more when urgent needs must be met.... A healthy politics is sorely needed, capable of reforming and coordinating institutions, promoting best practices and overcoming undue pressure and bureaucratic inertia. (*Laudato Si'* 181)

May God grant us the gifts of wisdom, intelligence, and discernment to see Jesus in the eyes of the most vulnerable, and inspire us to safeguard God's creation by our own choices and actions. (catholicclimatecovenant.org)

Please visit the *Laudato Si'* Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/St.R.MenloPark>

LAUDATO SI' WEEKLY ZOOM

Please join our Zoom meetings each **Thursday at noon** to pray, learn, socialize, and serve and care for creation together. To join the Zoom Meeting, click here: <http://bit.ly/LaudatoSiZoom>.

PRAYERS



As a parish community we pray for the sick among us, including: Bonnie Morey, Connie Alvidrez, Janice Hagy, Lynn Bacon, Mary Shepherd, Modesta Cintron, Nony & Penny Bantug, William Cintron, those afflicted with COVID, the homebound, and those who wish not to be named.

We also pray for those recently deceased including Elaine Knapp, Guido Budelli, Leonore Daschbach, Ethel Schaaf, Jean Ashley, Bernice Corcoran, Puz & Harold Nelson, Fely Moore, Sr. Joan Derry, Joseph Ni, Gene F. Straube, and Eugene Baciocco.

To add a name to these lists, please contact the Parish Office.

WEEKLY EVENTS

LEGION OF MARY meets every **Tuesday at 9:00 am** in the Legion of Mary conference room opposite the Parish Hall. Feel free to join us and learn more about the Legion of Mary.

ZOOM WEEKLY SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY meets on **Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 11:30 am** on Zoom. The group discusses the readings for the upcoming Sunday. For more information, contact Christine at chrisgalvez@aol.com.

WEDNESDAY HOLY HOUR is held weekly each **Wednesday from 7:00–8:00 pm** inside the Church. Holy Hour consists of Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Discover the Catholic faith! Adults interested in Catholicism are invited to attend the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Did you not receive the sacrament of Confirmation? You're welcome too! We meet Sundays at 9 am. For more information, please contact Deacon Tom Kelly at tfk@sbcglobal.net or 650-670-2200. We look forward to welcoming you.

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CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays 5:00 pm Vigil

Sundays 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 5:00 pm

Weekdays 8:15 am (Mon.-Sat.)

Holy Days 8:15 am, 12:15 pm, 7:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8:45-9:15 am & 3:30-4:30 pm,

Wednesday 7-8 pm, or by appointment

ADORATION

Saturday 8:45-9:15 am & Wednesday 7-8 pm

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the parish office at 650-323-1755.

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, AND FUNERALS

*Please contact the parish office at 650-323-1755
or email office@straymondmp.org.*

VISION STATEMENT St. Raymond Parish is a family. As disciples of Jesus, we are “children of God” and “brothers and sisters in Christ.” Jesus himself says, “Whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother, and sister, and mother” (Matthew 12:50). We welcome all to belong to our Catholic family and to inherit with us in Christ the mission to preach the Gospel as we pray-serve-socialize in His Name.

MISSION STATEMENT St. Raymond Parish is a community united by our Catholic Faith as disciples of Jesus Christ. We seek communion with God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit through ongoing personal and communal conversion to Christ and a deeper commitment to the mission Jesus gives each of us to preach the Gospel. The sacred scriptures and sacraments of the Church sustain us. We dedicate ourselves to Truth and strive to grow in love of God and neighbor as we pray-serve-socialize together, and work by grace to build up in one another and share freely with others the abundance of magnificent gifts God has given.

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